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For: "Therapeutic and)
Diagnostic Applications)
Of Prostatic Acid)
Phosphatase in Prostate)
Cancer")

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

A restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 was set forth in the Official Action dated October 5, 2001 in the above-identified patent application. It is the Examiner's position that claims 1-32 in the present application are drawn to six (6) distinct inventions. These are as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-12, drawn to a method of treating a mammalian prostate carcinoma;
- Group II: Claim 13, drawn to a kit to carry out a therapeutic method;
- Group III: Claims 14-21, drawn to a method to diagnose androgen-insensitive prostate carcinoma;
- Group IV: Claim 22, drawn to a kit to carry out a method to diagnose a disease;
- Group V: Claims 23-26, drawn to a promoter region; and
- Group VI: Claims 27-32, drawn to a xenograft model for studying human prostate cancer.



In response to the Requirement for Restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 set forth in the Official Action dated October 5, 2001, in the above-identified application, applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group III, namely, the subject matter of claims 14 through 21, directed to a method for diagnosing androgen-insensitive prostate carcinoma.

Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuing applications, as provided under 35 U.S.C. §120, directed to the subject matter of any claims ultimately withdrawn from consideration in this application.

Favorable consideration leading to prompt allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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